

Management Practices

There are 20 wildlife-friendly farming practices presented in this publication and they are all voluntary. A few practices can be implemented without significantly altering your daily routine, such as leaving a small portion of a grain crop unharvested. Some will require an adjustment of farming activities, such as reusing irrigation water. Other practices may involve substituting one form of labor for another, such as cultivating permanent, non-weedy vegetation along field borders instead of annual spraying and disking. A few suggested practices, such as establishing a self-sustaining perennial border, may take a few years to accomplish—but this type of habitat restoration will also produce long-lasting results.

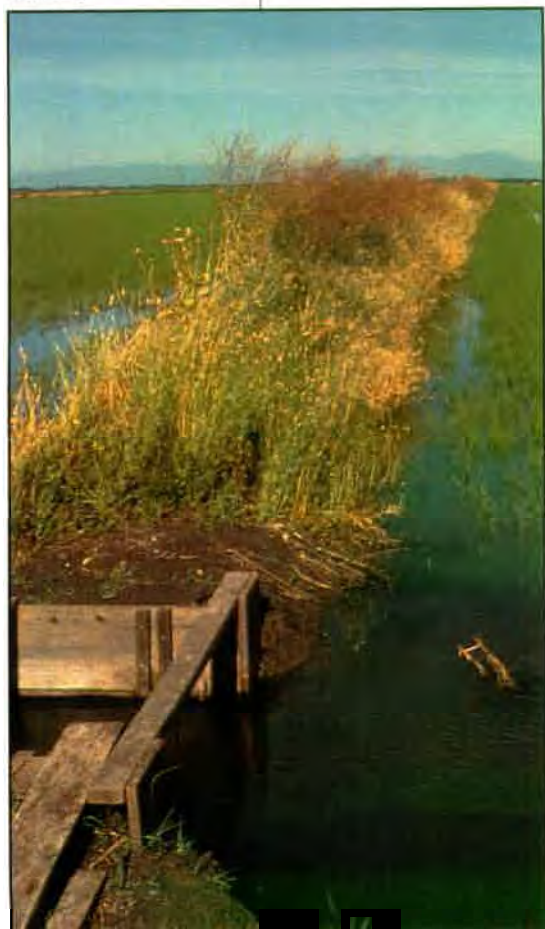
Whatever you grow, whatever the size of your farming operation—there are wildlife-friendly practices that can work on your farm. Consider the time you have available, your financial resources, and any limiting factors—such as water, crop, or endangered species regulations—to help guide your choices. Most of the practices

can be accomplished using your farming expertise, existing cultivation methods, and available equipment. You can receive advice, technical assistance, and financial support (in some cases); check the resources listed in the final pages of this publication.



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(Top) Wildlife offers income opportunities. (Left) Vegetation on rice levees provides nesting and cover habitat. (Right) Flowering cover between almond rows attracts wildlife and beneficial insects.



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